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My dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for yours of the 11th enclosing note re the locomotive photos. They shall be very much appreciated, and doubtless of great assistance.

Edison got a postcard from a man named Ellis of Metuchen a few days ago in which the writer said he visited the remains of the old factory at Menlo and saw an old trolley car. Said it was a shame to allow this to lay there and be picked to pieces. Meadowcroft sent me the card with Edison's notation in pencil "Wardlaw - is this so?" I've written him it is but it was nothing but the underframe of the freight car on which we used to haul ties, lumber, etc.. This car was just behind the locomotive and before the canopy car. What he saw must be this old freight car underframe - the same one we saw because of the heavy timbers used, and the fact we have the locomotive and Pullman. We have not found the canopy car, but this frame never belonged to that. I told Edison we would try and get it, but as the property belongs to DeLassandro we can't take it without his consent or will be prosecuted, and if we mention it to him the Italian will stick us for a sum of money.

Kept the film pack I took at Menlo at the N.Y. Edison photographers today for development and when finished shall send you copies.

Re the Edison Pioneer Black, this was

readily intended to be apart from any autobiography
I read over the holds, which were written for publica-
tion in a book when all were received, so if you can
see your way clear to briefly filing it out, just years
and how connected, it would be welcome. If not
will have to fall back on the autobiography in case
of emergency, a thing I hope we shall not need in
your case for the next 100 years.

I now have the entire record of transfers
covering the Mule Property, both home site and
laboratory, and a survey map of both.

Cordial good wishes to you,

Sincerely

J. A. Wardlaw.